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Brookhaven Enforcing Ordinances

Brookhaven, Georgia - The City of Brookhaven is enforcing municipal regulations in an effort to bring an illegal business into compliance with the city code.

After the City of Brookhaven incorporated, a business claiming to be a retail tobacco store by the name of "Stardust" applied for a business license at 3007 Buford Highway NE. Shortly after opening, however, Stardust began operating a sexually oriented business, specifically a "sexual device shop," in violation of multiple laws, including City ordinances prohibiting a sexually oriented business at that location.

Due to Stardust's continual operation in violation of multiple laws, Brookhaven's code enforcement officers issued hundreds of citations to Stardust in 2013. Those citations are currently set to be heard in municipal court in late August. Despite receiving hundreds of citations, Stardust has not complied with the law, and has continued to operate illegally.

Stardust recently filed a lawsuit in DeKalb County Superior Court claiming that the city's ordinances violate the state and federal constitutions. City Attorney Tom Kurrie said: "Stardust is in violation of the city's occupation tax ordinance as well as its sexually oriented business ordinance, which was previously upheld by the Superior Court. As with any business, Stardust is required to follow the law. The city will vigorously defend this lawsuit and will pursue compliance with city ordinances."

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